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SUBJECT GROUNDWATER/VADOSE ZONE INTEGRATION PROJECT - REGULATORY
PATH FORWARD WORK GROUP MEETING

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DATE March 11, 1999

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Meeting Location:

A meeting on the above subject was held on February 23, 1999, at 3350 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, Conference Room 2C22 at 1:00 p.m..

Meeting Process:

It was determined that these meetings will be held weekly on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, to be held at 3350 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, Conference Room 1B40.

Meeting Minutes:

Discussion at this kickoff meeting of the Regulatory Path Forward Working Group concentrated on a preliminary definition of : 1) the drivers for integrating the regulatory approach; 2) the scope of issues that should be addressed by this working group; 3) potential approaches for framing the issues to be addressed; and 4) the ultimate product that the group wants to develop.

Drivers:

Drivers for integrating the regulatory framework are understood by highlighting inconsistencies that can be found by examining:

- Work Plans
- Overall Schedule
- System Assessment Capability Schedule
- Leak mitigation strategy development

Scope:

Discussion on the scope of the work group included questions regarding what is the scope of the entire Groundwater/Vadose Zone (GW/VZ) Integration Project. It was stated that the GW/VZ Integration Project scope includes the entire Hanford Site.

- Level of detail from Work Group is not just at 20,000 feet
 - Documents, content of documents, scenarios to be addressed
 - POC's, scenarios, standards (with a focus on 200 Areas first and then expand to other parts of the site)
- The scope of this Work Group is to start first with the 200 Area focus.

Approaches:

- Generic approach that can address all sites was proposed. (Generic POC and select scenarios)
- Set-up the process for identifying POCs, etc. Group might make recommendations

Ultimate Product:

The group should define a regulatory process that provides a consistent approach, which may form the basis for TPA Amendments negotiation.

Benefits of Coordination:

- Consistent set of documents and approaches
- Joint approach

Constraints and Assumptions:

- Work within MTCA Envelope
- Role of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) must be addressed. (R. Holten desires to see if an approach can be outlined that will satisfy NEPA)

Actions:

- Develop drivers and timeframe - DOE/BHI
- Provide briefing on TWRS - DOE (Lober)
- Provide copies of DOE-RL 89-16 "SST Closure Work Plan" and Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. "Hanford Site Tank Waste Retrieval Regulatory Performance Measure (April 1998)
- Provide Agenda for Next Meeting - Ecology (Staats)